



Moya's Vineyards

Upper - Hemel En Aarde Valley

PINOT NOIR 2015



Region: Upper Hemel En Aarde Valley

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Ageing: 10 months in French Oak
medium toast 228 litter
barrels

Alcohol: 13.5 %

Sugar: 2.5 g/l

Ph: 3.67

Number of Bottles: 2581

History

During 2002 a farm in the **Hemel en Aarde Valley**, Hermanus was acquired and subdivided into two farms with one half becoming **Newton Johnson** winery and the other **McDowell farm**.

Shortly thereafter Mrs Moya McDowell asked Mr Johan Montgomery to develop a Pinot Noir vineyard of about 1.1 hectares on McDowell farm. In 2006 McDowell farm was bought by Hemel and Aarde Country Retreat Proprietary Limited. In 2008 they decided to further develop the farm with additional 9 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

In order to distinguish between the original vinery block developed by Mrs Moya McDowell and those developed by them, they started referring to "Moya's vineyard" and the rest being "other than Moya's vineyard".

Later they secured the services of Mr Johan Montgomery who took over the reigns as estate manager at McDowell farm.

Moya's Vineyards was born.

Upper Hemel En Aarde Valley

The vineyards in the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley are planted on both the north facing slopes (on the southern side of the Onrust River) and the south facing slopes (on the northern side of the Onrust River). The soils change in this appellation away from Bokkeveld Shale-derived soils to intrusive granite pluton or coarse porphyritic granite.

This is a cool climate region by South African standards, and the maritime influence is key to this, with cool breezes blowing up the valley. Rainfall is higher here than in many other Cape wine regions, which makes irrigation unnecessary.